

Oakview Elementary



Reading,
Writing, and
Recycling!

Paper Recycling



Oakview started recycling paper in 1996. Recycling tubs for each classroom and recycle stickers were purchased with a recycling grant from South Carolina DHEC.

Aluminum Cans



In 1997 we also started recycling aluminum cans. Local firefighters empty the trailer and we donate all the proceeds - over \$8000 - to the SC Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program, and now to MUSC's Camp Can Do.

Plastic Bags



We started recycling plastic grocery bags in 1997 through BiLo's Envirobag program. We still recycle plastic bags, but we encourage our parents to use fabric grocery bags and to recycle their plastic bags at their local grocery store.

Ink Cartridges



In 1998 we started recycling ink cartridges. We currently recycle them and toner cartridges through the Funding Factory in Erie, PA.

Composting



To integrate our recycling efforts with our gardens we started composting our cafeteria waste in 2000.

Six Pack Rings



In 2001 we started recycling 6-pack rings through the Ring Leader Recycling Program.

Cell Phones



In 2002 we added cell phones to the items we recycled. We use the funds we get from EcoPhones to support our recycling programs and school gardens.

Batteries



In order to keep dangerous chemicals out of soil and ground water, we started recycling batteries in 2003.

Plastic Bottles



Students drink PowerAid, juices, and bottled water at lunch. We started recycling plastic bottles in 2003. Today we encourage the use of reusable water bottles.

Tennis Shoes



We
recycle
tennis
shoes
once a
year
through
Nike's
Re-Use
A Shoe
Program.

Packaging Materials



A parent reuses the packaging materials for her EBay business.

Eye Glasses & Sunglasses 2003



Electronics

- In August 2007 we started recycling electronic equipment through EchoPhones. We recycle working or nonworking items such as the following:
- DVD Movies & DVD Video Games
- Laptop Computers
- MP3 Players
- Digital Cameras
- More!

Crayons

- In 2008, the media center started recycling crayons through the *Crazy About Crayons* program.



Glue Sticks



- We started recycling glue sticks in 2009 through Elmer's Glue Crew. We now recycle them through TerraCycle & donate the proceeds to the WorldWide Wildlife Federation.

Juice Pouches 2010



- We recycle juice pouches through Terra Cycle and get 2 cents per pouch.

New Recycle Container

- A parent donated \$300 towards the purchase of our new recycle container for the lunchroom. We recycle plastic bottles, bottle caps, aluminum cans, and juice pouches in it.



Funding

- DHEC Recycling Grant
 - contact Sharon Thompson @ 1-800-768-7348 or at thompssr@dhec.sc.gov
- Champions of the Environment
- PalmettoPride – Challenge for the Environment Grant
 - Download an application from their website, www.palmettopride.org. They have a fantastic puppet show called “Litter Trashes Everyone” that you can schedule. Call 1-800-725-7733.
- Private Donations

What does Oakview Do?



REDUCE!



RECYCLE!

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